

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 09 July 2002
Name of applicant/court: The District Court at Tauranga
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Opium For The Masses
Other Known Titles: Opium For The Masses A Practical Guide To
Growing Poppies And Making Opium
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Loompanics Unlimited
Author: Jim Hogshire
Format: Book
Country of Origin: USA
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *Opium For The Masses* is classified as:
Objectionable.

Opium For The Masses is objectionable because it promotes and supports the cultivation of opium poppies and the extraction and consumption of opium from opium poppies. These are illegal activities, as set out in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975. The publication explicitly details methods of procurement, cultivation, extraction and consumption of opium and is clearly intended as a guide for prospective opium users. The emphasis in these chapters is clearly on the easiest ways of procuring opium, the most effective means of producing opium that has the strongest effects and the most effective methods of consuming opium. Although the book does contain information that may be of educational value, regarding the historical, political and scientific background of opium and other related drugs, the publication is primarily intended as a guide to the use of the illegal drug.

For the above reasons the book encourages and promotes criminal acts to a high extent and degree, its availability is therefore likely to be injurious to the public good and the book is classified as objectionable.

A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, given the high extent and degree to which the book encourages and promotes criminal acts, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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